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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 29, 2008, Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the following amendments and remarks.

Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.